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**CLEARWATER MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS**  
**FOR DRUG DEALING AND POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

Tampa, Florida - U.S. District Judge Steven D. Merryday today sentenced Kevin Lavon Andrews (age 27, of Clearwater) to 25 years' imprisonment for possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine and possession of a firearm during in relation to a drug trafficking offense. Andrews pleaded guilty on December 16, 2008.

According to court documents, Andrews was selling narcotics out of a motel room located at the Roadway Inn Motel at 15405 U.S. Hwy 19 in Clearwater. On January 18, 2008, deputies from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at the motel room and arrested Andrews. Andrews had approximately 60 grams of freshly cooked crack cocaine in his possession. In the motel room, officers found additional small amounts of crack cocaine, powder cocaine, marijuana, and a loaded Glock model 30, .45 caliber handgun.

This case was investigated by Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kathy J.M. Peluso.